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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire decreased by 3,520 from mid-May to mid-June. The latest total of 20,590 represents only 3.9 percent of the civilian labor force of 529,460. The unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in May and 4.6 percent a year ago. Nationally the rates were 7.4 percent in June, 7.2 percent in May and 10.2 percent a year ago. Nine of the eleven labor market areas had unemployment decreases ranging from 740 in the Dover Labor Market Area to 170 in the Concord Labor Market Area. Two labor market areas, Nashua and Keene, had minor unemployment increases of 70 and 20 respectively. Unemployment rates range from a high of 6.8 percent in Portsmouth to a low of 2.4 percent in Laconia and 2.7 percent in both the Claremont and Nashua Labor Market Areas.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 12,850 from May as manufacturing was up 1,950 and nonmanufacturing 10,900. Within the manufacturing division, electrical products showed the greatest gain with 800 more workers and was followed by machinery with 550. In nonmanufacturing, seasonal employment in services, trade and construction picked up as tourism activities expanded and the number of construction projects increased. Services increased from May by 5,400 workers while trade was up 3,400.

Year ago comparisons show an increase of 14,850 workers with manufacturing up 8,350 and nonmanufacturing 6,500. Electrical products led the manufacturing sector with an over the year gain of 3,750 while services led in nonmanufacturing with an increase of 6,850 and was followed closely by trade with 5,150. It is important to note that overall construction is down 6,500 due primarily to the vastly reduced work force at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

Manchester Economic Changes - Total unemployment decreased by 450 and the jobless count of 3,170 represented 3.4 percent of the civilian labor force. A year ago the rate was 4.4. Nonagricultural employment increased from May by 1,350 and from a year ago by 3,300. Machinery and electrical products increased by 450 workers over the year, while trade is up 1,150 and services 600.

Nashua Economic Changes - Total unemployment increased by 70 and the jobless count of 2,520 represents 2.7 percent of the civilian labor force. This is the second month in a row that Nashua has recorded a 2.7 percent unemployment rate. A year ago the rate was 4.0 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased from May by 1,750 and from a year ago by 5,000. Machinery and electrical products is up 3,050 workers from the year ago level.

New Publications Available- Annual Planning Information reports for Fiscal Year 1985 for each eleven labor market areas are available. Data include population, labor force, occupational projections and other socio-economic information. Write Economic Analysis and Reports, NH Department of Employment Security 32 South Main Street, Concord NH 03301 or telephone 603-224-3311 extension 254 for copies of the area you are interested in.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester Labor Market Area					Nashua Labor Market Area				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	Month	Year	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	Month	Year	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	529,460	510,880	509,330	18,580	20,130	92,670	90,660	88,000	2,010	4,670	94,760	91,380	88,540	3,380	6,220
2. Unemployment	20,590	24,110	23,560	-3,520	-2,970	3,170	3,620	3,850	-450	-680	2,520	2,450	3,540	70	-1,020
Percent of labor force	3.9	4.7	4.6	x x x	x x x	3.4	4.0	4.4	x x x	x x x	2.7	2.7	4.0	x x x	x x x
3. Employment total	508,870	486,770	485,770	22,100	23,100	89,500	87,040	84,150	2,460	5,350	92,240	88,930	85,000	3,310	7,240
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	436,350	423,500	421,500	12,850	14,850	83,400	82,050	80,100	1,350	3,300	77,550	75,800	72,550	1,750	5,000
Manufacturing	122,750	120,800	114,400	1,950	8,350	17,450	17,200	16,750	250	700	36,700	35,750	33,700	950	3,000
Durable goods	80,400	78,850	73,050	1,550	7,350	10,250	10,000	9,350	250	900	29,950	29,050	26,850	900	3,100
Lumber & wood prods.	5,350	5,250	4,950	100	400										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,550	1,500	50	100										
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,800	2,500	50	350										
Primary metal prods.	3,950	3,950	3,800	0	150										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,200	7,300	7,000	-100	200										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	23,450	22,900	21,600	550	1,850	6,500	6,450	6,050	50	450	22,750	21,950	19,700	800	3,050
Electrical prods.	25,650	24,850	21,900	800	3,750										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,950	1,900	1,800	50	150										
Other durables	8,400	8,350	8,000	50	400										
						3,750	3,550	3,300	200	450	7,200	7,100	7,150	100	50
Nondurable goods	42,350	41,950	41,350	400	1,000	7,200	7,200	7,400	0	-200	6,750	6,700	6,850	50	-100
Food & kindred prods.	2,950	2,850	2,850	100	100										
Textile mill prods.	4,200	4,350	4,050	-150	150										
Apparel	2,800	2,900	2,950	-100	-150	1,800	1,900	2,000	-100	-200					
Paper & allied prods.	5,800	5,700	5,400	100	400										
Print., pub. & allied	7,050	6,850	6,900	200	150										
Leather & lea. prods.	8,800	8,600	9,100	200	-300										
Other nondurables	10,750	10,700	10,100	50	650	5,400	5,300	5,400	100	0					
Nonmanufacturing	313,600	302,700	307,100	10,900	6,500	65,950	64,850	63,350	1,100	2,600	40,850	40,050	38,850	800	2,000
Construction (inc. min.)	20,650	19,000	27,150	1,650	-6,500	4,150	3,900	3,700	250	450	3,250	3,100	3,250	150	0
Trans., comm. & util.	15,950	15,500	15,650	450	300	5,250	5,150	5,100	100	150	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Trade	101,100	97,700	95,950	3,400	5,150	22,200	21,950	21,050	250	1,150	14,850	14,650	14,100	200	750
Fin., ins. & real estate	23,050	22,550	21,800	500	1,250	6,500	6,400	6,350	100	150	2,500	2,450	2,300	50	200
Service industry & other	92,950	87,550	86,100	5,400	6,850	19,150	18,900	18,550	250	600	12,750	12,500	12,200	250	550
Government	59,900	60,400	60,450	-500	-550	8,700	8,550	8,600	150	100	5,500	5,350	5,000	150	500
Federal	11,900	11,850	11,800	50	100	2,000	2,000	1,950	0	50	700	700	750	0	-50
State	14,550	15,550	14,900	-1,000	-350	900	900	900	0	0	250	250	250	0	0
Local	33,450	33,000	33,750	450	-300	5,800	5,650	5,750	150	50	4,550	4,400	4,000	150	550

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:

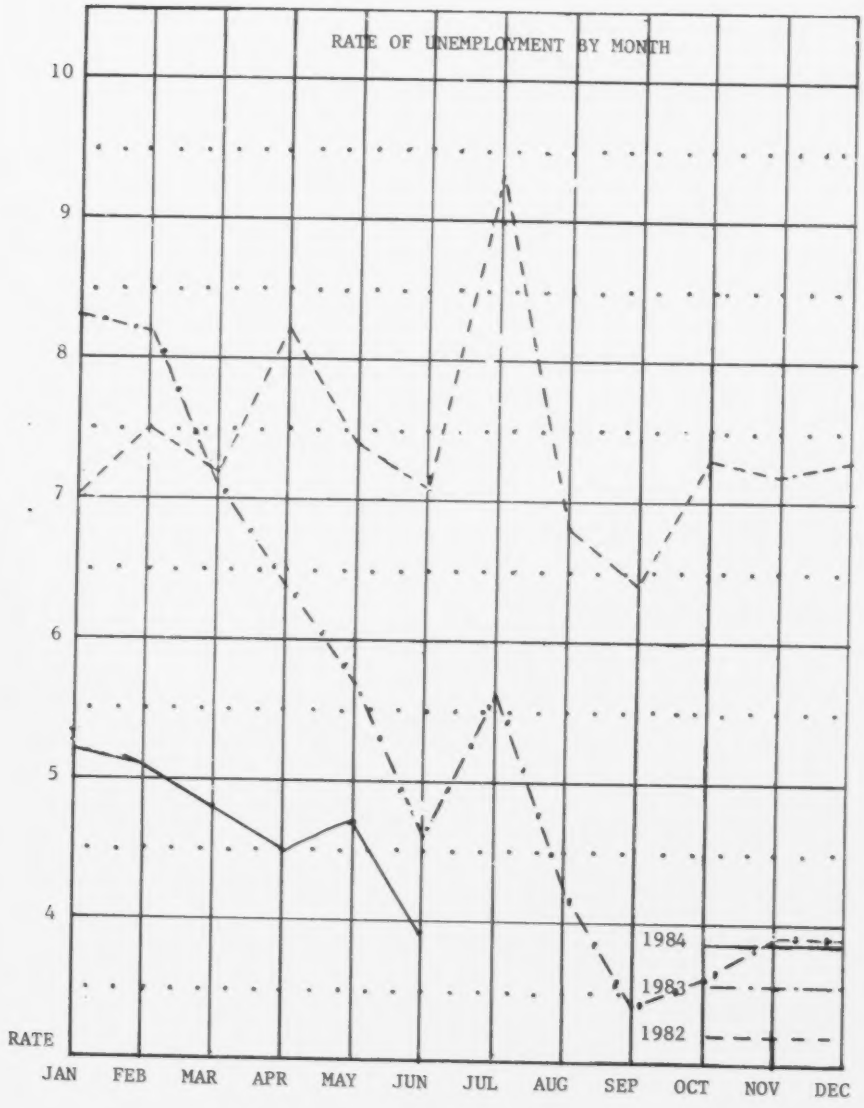
Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*						Civilian Labor Force				
	June 1984		May 1984		June 1983		Numerical Change From Previous		June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Month	Year				Month	Year
United States**	8,582	7.4	8,154	7.2	11,570	10.2	428	-2,988	115,393	113,251	113,383	2,142	2,010
New Hampshire	20,590	3.9	24,110	4.7	23,560	4.6	-3,520	-2,970	529,460	510,880	509,330	18,580	20,130
Labor Market Area													
Berlin	1,090	5.3	1,640	8.4	1,230	6.2	-550	-140	20,750	19,560	19,700	1,190	1,050
Claremont	1,060	2.7	1,250	3.3	1,850	4.9	-190	-790	39,080	37,380	37,470	1,700	1,610
Concord	1,360	2.9	1,530	3.4	1,690	3.8	-170	-330	47,060	45,410	44,520	1,650	2,540
Dover	2,950	6.3	3,690	7.9	2,680	6.0	-740	270	46,550	46,940	44,380	-390	2,170
Keene	1,300	3.2	1,280	3.3	1,760	4.6	20	-460	40,250	38,970	38,530	1,280	1,720
Laconia	1,130	2.4	1,320	3.0	1,770	3.9	-190	-640	47,390	44,020	45,960	3,370	1,430
Littleton	620	3.9	1,040	7.3	870	5.8	-420	-250	15,720	14,340	15,130	1,380	590
Manchester	3,170	3.4	3,620	4.0	3,850	4.4	-450	-680	92,670	90,660	88,000	2,010	4,670
Nashua	2,520	2.7	2,450	2.7	3,540	4.0	70	-1,020	94,760	91,380	88,540	3,380	6,220
Portsmouth	3,960	6.8	4,450	8.1	2,390	4.0	-490	1,570	57,980	54,940	59,680	3,040	-1,700
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,430	5.2	1,840	6.7	1,930	7.0	-410	-500	27,250	27,280	27,420	-30	-170
County													
Belknap	650	2.7	780	3.5	950	4.1	-130	-300	24,120	22,490	23,350	1,630	770
Carroll	480	3.3	660	4.8	660	4.7	-180	-180	14,690	13,780	14,130	910	560
Cheshire	1,210	3.4	1,210	3.5	1,660	4.8	0	-450	36,090	34,960	34,590	1,130	1,500
Coos	1,050	5.7	1,640	9.5	1,010	5.8	-590	40	18,380	17,310	17,310	1,070	1,070
Grafton	980	2.7	1,320	3.9	1,550	4.4	-340	-570	36,720	34,270	35,290	2,450	1,430
Hillsborough	5,010	3.0	5,110	3.2	6,590	4.2	-100	-1,580	167,390	162,180	157,540	5,210	9,850
Merrimack	1,480	2.7	1,640	3.2	1,980	3.8	-160	-500	54,220	51,990	51,560	2,230	2,660
Rockingham	6,520	5.6	7,700	6.8	5,470	4.7	-1,180	1,050	115,930	112,420	116,100	3,510	-170
Strafford	2,550	6.1	3,220	7.7	2,420	6.1	-670	130	41,710	42,070	39,870	-360	1,840
Sullivan	660	3.3	830	4.3	1,270	6.5	-170	-610	20,210	19,410	19,590	800	620

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester Labor Market Area includes the city of Manchester and towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond and Weare.

Nashua Labor Market Area is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeboro, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Pelham, Temple and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1984	1983	1982	1981
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - June	306.2			
Percent change from year ago	3.0			
Year average		297.4	288.6	272.3
Percent increase each year		3.0	6.0	10.2
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - June	310.7			
Percent change from year ago	4.2			
Year average		298.4	289.1	272.4
Percent increase each year		3.2	6.1	10.4

Average Weekly Wages of Workers
Covered by Unemployment Compensation
in Private Industry in New Hampshire

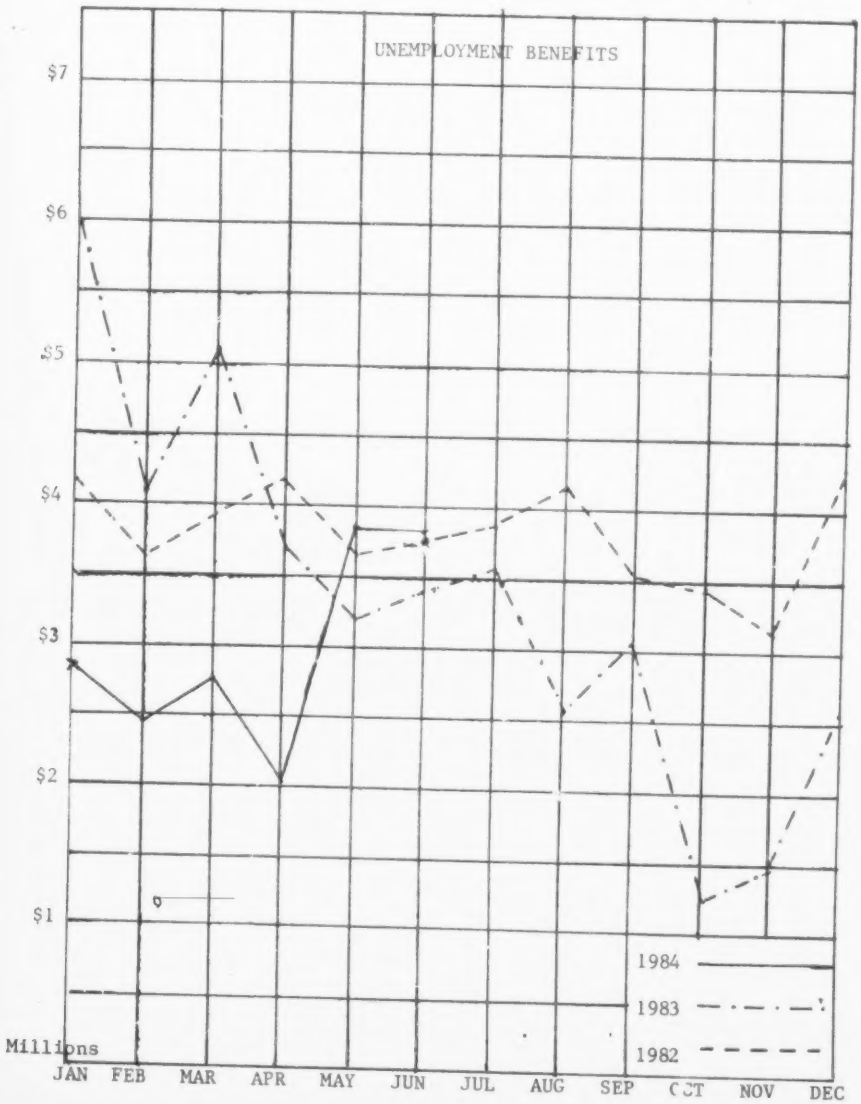
Year	Total all Industries	Manufacturing	Nonmanufacturing
1983 Preliminary	$296.30	$358.43	$266.60
1982	279.20	334.32	251.50
1981	255.63	305.12	229.06
1980	235.43	277.86	211.49
1979	213.40	247.09	194.01
1978	195.55	224.28	178.88
1977	179.70	207.82	163.43
1976	169.02	193.48	154.82
1975	158.23	181.24	145.34
1974	148.16	166.19	137.09
1973	137.40	152.81	127.55
1972	130.38	144.08	121.24
1971	127.73	136.41	120.35
1970	121.29	127.62	115.29
1969	115.07	120.70	109.16
1968	108.79	113.76	103.05
1967	102.13	106.24	97.28

Source: Summary of Quarterly V.C.
Employer Reports

Weekly Claims Filed During June
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,650	29,105	19	59	13	17	33	93	21	76
Berlin	237	1,624	0	0	0	3	2	13	1	2
Claremont	126	680	1	2	1	1	4	2	0	5
Concord	295	1,549	3	20	0	0	2	8	2	3
Dover	651	5,128	4	21	4	3	7	28	3	38
Keene	242	863	1	5	0	5	1	7	0	2
Laconia	312	847	7	8	4	4	2	6	1	1
Lebanon	48	213	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Littleton	149	525	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manchester	538	2,769	0	0	0	0	3	12	3	0
Nashua	185	925	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	4
Portsmouth	415	8,077	0	1	0	0	9	7	4	2
Salem	98	818	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	3
Not included above: Liable Interstate	354	5,087	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	10

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $120.48



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End Of Month

$82,305,921.01

Net contributions received during month:

$ 153,976.48

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 3,817,719.70

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
All manufacturing	$315.06	$315.38	$291.60	40.6	40.8	40.0	$7.76	$7.73	$7.29
Durable goods	329.62	331.61	303.16	41.1	41.4	40.1	8.02	8.01	7.56
Lumber & wood prods.	244.84	249.21	229.52	39.3	39.0	39.1	6.23	6.39	5.87
Furniture & fixtures	275.49	271.83	260.84	39.3	39.0	38.7	7.01	6.97	6.74
Stone & clay prods.	315.82	318.37	311.33	41.5	41.4	42.3	7.61	7.69	7.36
Primary metal prods.	348.07	351.56	331.25	43.4	44.0	43.3	8.02	7.99	7.65
Fab. metal prods.	306.64	305.95	294.33	40.4	41.4	40.1	7.59	7.39	7.34
Mach. (exc. elec.)	376.71	380.18	345.24	43.4	43.8	42.0	8.68	8.68	8.22
Electrical prods.	330.00	327.58	292.99	40.0	39.9	38.4	8.25	8.21	7.63
Miscellaneous prods.	249.67	261.19	223.56	41.2	43.1	37.7	6.06	6.06	5.93
Other durables	336.57	346.47	312.83	40.6	41.1	39.8	8.29	8.43	7.86
Nondurable goods	290.60	289.28	272.74	39.7	39.9	39.7	7.32	7.25	6.87
Food & kindred prods.	387.66	382.72	387.99	42.0	41.6	41.9	9.23	9.20	9.26
Textile mill prods.	261.69	262.44	252.14	39.0	40.5	41.2	6.71	6.48	6.12
Apparel	204.98	206.46	194.53	37.0	37.0	37.7	5.54	5.58	5.16
Paper & allied prods.	443.29	432.68	384.75	49.2	47.6	45.0	9.01	9.09	8.55
Print., pub. & allied	291.82	292.04	287.73	38.6	39.2	39.2	7.56	7.45	7.34
Leather & lea. prods.	189.74	190.45	190.21	35.8	35.4	36.3	5.30	5.38	5.24
Footwear	181.56	179.90	180.22	35.6	35.0	35.9	5.10	5.14	5.02
Other nondurables	318.00	314.31	296.06	39.9	40.4	40.5	7.97	7.78	7.31

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 48

Total Production Workers: 87,445

Firms Reporting: 302

Manchester Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
All manufacturing	$293.96	$291.69	$272.84	39.3	39.1	38.7	$7.48	$7.46	$7.05
Durable goods	309.23	304.17	288.99	39.9	39.4	39.0	7.75	7.72	7.41
Mach. & elec. prods.	323.18	314.03	295.93	40.6	39.7	39.3	7.96	7.91	7.53
Other durables	285.57	285.61	278.69	38.8	38.7	38.6	7.36	7.38	7.22
Nondurable goods	274.83	275.22	254.98	38.6	38.6	38.4	7.12	7.13	6.64
Textiles & apparel	259.50	259.24	241.88	39.8	39.7	38.7	6.52	6.53	6.25
Other nondurables	280.01	281.51	260.06	38.2	38.3	38.3	7.33	7.35	6.79

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 40

Total Production Workers: 12,671

Firms Reporting: 41

Nashua Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
All manufacturing	$387.74	$380.28	$346.32	42.1	41.2	40.6	$9.21	$9.23	$8.53
Durable goods	393.27	387.49	352.51	42.7	41.8	40.8	9.21	9.27	8.64
Mach. & elec. prods.	424.72	415.07	383.25	42.6	41.3	40.3	9.97	10.05	9.51
Other durables	318.20	321.43	291.62	43.0	42.8	41.9	7.40	7.51	6.96
Nondurable goods	363.01	352.82	324.80	39.5	38.9	40.0	9.19	9.07	8.12

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 46

Total Production Workers: 21,047

Firms Reporting: 58

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending June 30, 1984

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	13,111	5,670	2,039	956	884	363
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	1,242	421	61	29	151	52
Managerial (18,19)	602	271	131	61	65	26
Clerical (20-24)	2,354	1,950	321	276	160	126
Sales (25-29)	620	321	107	55	41	16
Services (3)	2,182	1,268	356	226	90	52
Farm (4)	199	38	14	2	9	3
Processing (5)	178	65	28	12	18	4
Machine Trade (6)	1,055	295	128	55	58	8
Benchwork (7)	890	630	184	135	84	53
Structural (8)	2,416	77	413	12	130	5
Miscellaneous (9)	1,108	202	230	45	77	17
Unclassified	265	132	66	48	1	1

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	June 1984	May 1984	October 1, 1983 to June 31, 1984
Total applicants for employment	3,432	4,341	46,212
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,926	3,024	20,588
Job openings unfilled end of month	3,125	3,343	XXXX
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,622	1,061	8,933

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